Sri K. H. PATIL.—Are you in a position to deny the fact that you received a communication from the Divisional Commissioner recommending the suspension and is it not a fact that the Government is intentionally hiding the fact?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—I have neither denied the fact nor admitted it.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—May I know the stage of the enquiry by the Vigilance Commission whether they have submitted any interim report recommending for suspension of officers?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—No such interim report has been received from the Vigilance Commission.

Afforestation work for growing Bamboos

231. Sri R. G. WALI (Hubli).—

Will the Minister of State for Forests be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the work of afforestation has been taken up in the State during the year 1969-70;

(*b*) if so, the extent of land in which the work is taken up (in acres);

(*c*) whether any special efforts are being made to grow more bamboos as there is heavy demand for the same from paper factories and also from traditional workers—*i.e.*, Medars;

(*d*) the procedure followed for the distribution of bamboos?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Minister of State for Forests) —

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 44,167.80 acres.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The bamboos are distributed to paper and pulp industry on quantity basis by the Government fixing the price. Bamboos are also released on permit basis in small quantities for local consumption, for small scale and cottage industries of the Medars. The permit rate is fixed by the Government from time to time.

Sri R. G. WALI.—It is stated that this year they have taken up the work in 44,167.80 acres of land. Is it taken only during this year or has it been continuing since previous years? Secondly, you have flatly denied that you are not making any efforts to grow bamboos although there is heavy demand for it. Is the Government thinking of conducting any research and see that bamboo growth is increased or is it the policy of the Government to completely stop growing of bamboos?

† Sri AULR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Regarding afforestation works this year's figures I have furnished. During the Second and Third plan also we had undertaken afforestation work. In regard to growing of more bamboos we are not making any efforts since we are having adequate quantity of bamboos in the State.

Sri R. G. WALI.—In reply to (d) you have stated that bamboos are also released on permit basis in small quantities for local consumption, for small scale and cottage industries of the Medars. Is it not a fact that permits are being given for hundreds of tonnes of bamboos being distributed to particular co-operative societies and not to others ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Due to flowering of bamboos we have encouraged only few co-operative societies through which basket makers and others may obatain these bamboos.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—May I know whether the afforestation work you have undertaken is in proportion to exploitation and if so what is the rate of exploitation and afforestation ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—There is no question of exploitation when compared to afforestation. Generally according to area and labour charges it may work out to 200 to 300 rupees per acre of afforestation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಪಲ್ಪ್ ತಯಾರುಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಬೊಂಬುಗಳ ಬೆಲೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ? ಸಣ್ಣ ಸಣ್ಣ ಮೇದರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಬೊಂಬುಗಳ ಬೆಲೆಯೆಷ್ಟು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಮೇದರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಗ್ರೀನ್ ಬೊಂಬುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಣ್ಣದು ಒಂದು ಟನ್ನಿಗೆ 15 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ದೊಡ್ಡದು ಒಂದು ಟನ್ನಿಗೆ 20 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು. ಒಣಗಿರುವುದು ಟನ್ನಿಗೆ 7½ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಜಿ. ವಾಲಿ.—ಮೇದರುಗಳಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಇರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇವನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವುದನ್ನು ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಮೇದರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುವ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಸಣ್ಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ಉದ್ಯಮದಲ್ಲಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗದಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಇವುಗಳ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪೋರ್ಟ್ ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಮೇದರುಗಳು ಯಾವ್ಯಾವ ವಿಧವಾದ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಾರೋ ಅವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬೊಂಬುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—Is the Government aware that the bamboo forest has become completely depleted and there is need for special efforts to grow more bamboos and when such is the case why you have stated in answer to (c) that no special efforts are made to grow more bamboos ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Hitherto Government had sufficient quantity of bamboos. For increased demand we are thinking of taking afforestation work for growing bamboos also.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಇದಿನಬ್ಬ.—ಈ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದಂಥ ಬೊಂಬುಗಳು ಕೇರಳಾಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿವೆಯೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ.